

SPECIAL  
SECTION

**PeopleFIRST**  
NJ Department of Human Services

# Monthly Communicator

New Jersey Department of Human Services  
*Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*



JAMES E. MCGREEVEY  
GOVERNOR

JAMES M. DAVY  
COMMISSIONER

BRIAN C. SHOMO  
DIRECTOR

**New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

**Proudly Presents**

## **20th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day**

**featuring**

**At the Showcase Theater 2:00 p.m.**

# **The Wild Zappers**

**and Miss Deaf NJ**

**Joanne Karayiannidis**

**With Emcee Joseph "Joey" Garth**



**Saturday, June 12, 2004**

**10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

**Six Flags Great Adventure  
Jackson, NJ**



Dear Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Guests,

As our 30th year begins at Six Flags Great Adventure we are again honored to host the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day** on **Saturday June 12, 2004**.

As always, Six Flags continues to present all of its world-class shows and attractions that are sure to please guests of all ages!

Please visit [sixflags.com](http://sixflags.com) for updated concert, show and special event information.

We will continue to have the following features available at this year's event:

- ✓ FM Assistive Listening Devices available at show facilities
- ✓ TTY phones at Guest Relations, Security and First Aid
- ✓ Guest Accessibility Guidebooks available at Guest Relations
- ✓ Wheelchairs and strollers available for rental

We wish to thank Lauren Lercher as she begins her second year in coordinating all of the agencies' ticket sellers. And finally, as always, we would like to thank the entire staff of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and all of the agency volunteers who donate their precious time every year to coordinating this amazing event. We continue to look forward to many more successful years of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure. Looking forward to seeing you on June 12th!

Sincerely,

*Stephen Heard*

Stephen Heard  
Regional Sales Manager



## State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
PO Box 700  
TRENTON, NJ 08625-0700

JAMES E. MCGREEVEY  
*Governor*

JAMES M. DAVY  
*Commissioner*

BRIAN C. SHOMO  
*Director*

Dear Friends:

We will again gather at Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park to celebrate our 20th Annual NJ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day on June 12, 2004. We have come a long way since our first event, 20 years ago - thanks to you, our loyal supporters!

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) recognizes that its annual awareness events educate the public about various communication tools such as interpreters, assistive listening devices (ALDs) and captioning for those who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened and Deaf-Blind. These will be available in the Showcase Theatre during the performance.

This year, we will feature The Wild Zappers, and a welcome from Miss Deaf New Jersey, Joanne Karayiannaidis, in the Showcase Theater. Joey Garth is the emcee.

We are confident that you will, once again, have a wonderful time.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Shomo, *Director*  
Ira C. Hock, *Executive Assistant*  
Cathy Grehlinger, *Coordinator, Interpreter Referral Services*  
Todd R. Olsen, *Coordinator, Interpreter Referral Services*  
Liz Barany, *Secretary II*  
Patricia Long, *Principal Clerk Typist*  
Traci Burton, *Field Representative*  
Jason Weiland, *Field Representative*  
Alan Champion, *Interpreter Specialist*

# Meet the Miss Deaf New Jersey 2003 – 2005

**M**eeet the New Miss Deaf New Jersey Joanne Karayiannidis, from Clark, New Jersey. She is the successor to Tracey Weber, the former Miss Deaf New Jersey 2001-2003. On July 12, 2003, the Miss Deaf New Jersey Pageant was hosted at the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center in Atlantic City, which is home to Miss America Pageant. Joanne and four other young women competed for the coveted title of 'Miss Deaf New Jersey.' Excited and honored to have won the pageant, she enjoys the opportunity to carry on the title of Miss Deaf New Jersey.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Joanne graduated from Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, NJ. In May 2002, Joanne earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in upstate NY, known as the world's first and largest technical college for the deaf and hard of hearing. Joanne has more educational plans after completing her term as Miss Deaf New Jersey. She plans

to pursue a master's degree in psychology. As Miss Deaf New Jersey, Joanne looks forward to representing the Deaf Community throughout New Jersey over the next two years. In addition, Joanne will compete in the Miss Deaf America Pageant, this July (2004) in Kansas City, Missouri.

Joanne is currently employed with the U.S. Department of Labor, as an Equal Opportunity Specialist under the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP). She enjoys her current employment and finds it a challenging experience ensuring equal employment opportunity with numerous companies throughout New Jersey. While working full-time and representing the Deaf

Community in New Jersey, Joanne still finds time to be active in her personal life.

During the reign, Joanne is available to appear at schools, colleges, community gatherings, agencies and organizations in New Jersey and surrounding states. During the pageant, Joanne won the 'best platform' award by presenting an outstanding presentation, titled 'Thrive and Live without Discrimination'. The platform is where she discussed the need to be confident in the workforce regardless of obstacles and discriminatory aspects that may exist and she encouraged people to take action by standing up for themselves and following their dreams; and the result will be a successful career. Joanne's talent in the pageant was titled 'A Little Girl's Dream,' which was a skit about a deaf little girl who dreams of becoming a Broadway dancer. During the skit, the girl faces barriers while trying to attain

her dreams and finds her own way to achieve her dream through determination and hard work.

If you are interested in scheduling Joanne for a guest appearance, please contact: Miss Deaf

New Jersey Business Manager, Connie Pucci. If you have any questions about the Miss Deaf New Jersey Pageant, please contact: Miss Deaf New Jersey Pageant Director, Carrie Pogue.



**Miss Deaf New Jersey will  
appear at the Showcase  
Theater at 2:00 p.m.**

**Carrie Pogue, Pageant Director**  
**P.O. Box 189**

**Estell Manor, NJ 08319**  
**ecempog@aol.com**  
**(609) 476-3526 Voice; (609) 476-2834 Fax**

**Connie Pucci, Business Manager**  
**449 W. 48th Street, Apt. 4W,**  
**New York, NY 10036**  
**MDNJManager@yahoo.com**  
**(212) 957-2024 TTY**



## 20TH ANNUAL DEAF & HARD OF HEARING AWARENESS DAY

SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE  
SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

**New Jersey Relay Service** will proudly sponsor entertainment at Showcase Theater.

Come visit our table and learn how **New Jersey Relay Service** makes communication easier.

[www.att.com/relay/nj](http://www.att.com/relay/nj)

New Jersey Relay Service is provided by AT&T Relay Services.



**AT&T**



## How to get there

**Six Flags Great Adventure**  
**Route 537**  
**Jackson, NJ 08527**  
**(732) 928-1821 Voice**



**From New Jersey Area:** Take NJ Turnpike to Exit 7A, I-195 East to Exit 16A or Garden State Parkway, Exit 98, I-195 West to Exit 16, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

**From Philadelphia:** Take the Ben Franklin Bridge to Route 38 East. Proceed to Route 295 North to NJ Turnpike North to Exit 7A. Take I-195 East to Exit 16A, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

**From New York Area:** Take the George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel or Holland Tunnel to NJ Turnpike South to Exit 7A. Proceed on I-195 East to Exit 16A, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

**Alternative Transportation:** NJ Transit offers bus service from New York City, Newark, Camden & Philadelphia to Six Flags Great Adventure. For the bus operating schedule, call New Jersey Transit at (800) 772-2222 in New Jersey, (800) 626-7433 outside New Jersey or (800) 772-2287 TTY.

# *The Wild Zappers and National Deaf Dance Theater at 2 p.m. Showcase Theater*

---

**THE WILD ZAPPERS**, an all deaf male dance company, was founded by Irvine Stewart with the support of Fred Michael Beam and Warren “Wawa” Snipe in 1989. It was originally created to

give deaf male dancers an opportunity to dance together and promote cultural and educational awareness through entertainment within the Deaf and Hearing Community. The company has performed throughout the country and on various television programs helping to enrich professional arts for the deaf. Members include Fred Beam, Director, Warren Snipe,



Assistant Director, Irvine Stewart, Ronnie Bradley, Kris Pumphrey, Sam Franklin, and George Azmaveth. They lead audiences in a joyous and uplifting celebration of the arts and communication.

## **FRED MICHAEL BEAM**

(Choreographer/Dancer) is the current artistic director and dancer for The Wild Zappers and The National Deaf Dance Theater. He has been Executive Director of Invisible Hands, a member of Dupont Alley Dance Company, Penn Vision Dance Company, Rochester Institute of

Technology Dance Co. and a guest dancer of Gallaudet Dance Company.

**WARREN “WAWA” SNIPE** (Dancer) has worked with The National Deaf Dance Company, The Wild Zappers, and Gallaudet Dance Company. He has performed around the globe and has been a featured dancer on television and in music videos. He is the current Vice President of Invisible Hands, Inc. and was a founding member of The Wild Zappers.



Fred Michael Beam



Warren “Wawa” Snipe

# *NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Twenty Years at Six Flags Great Adventure*



New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
and  
Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park & Safari  
proudly present

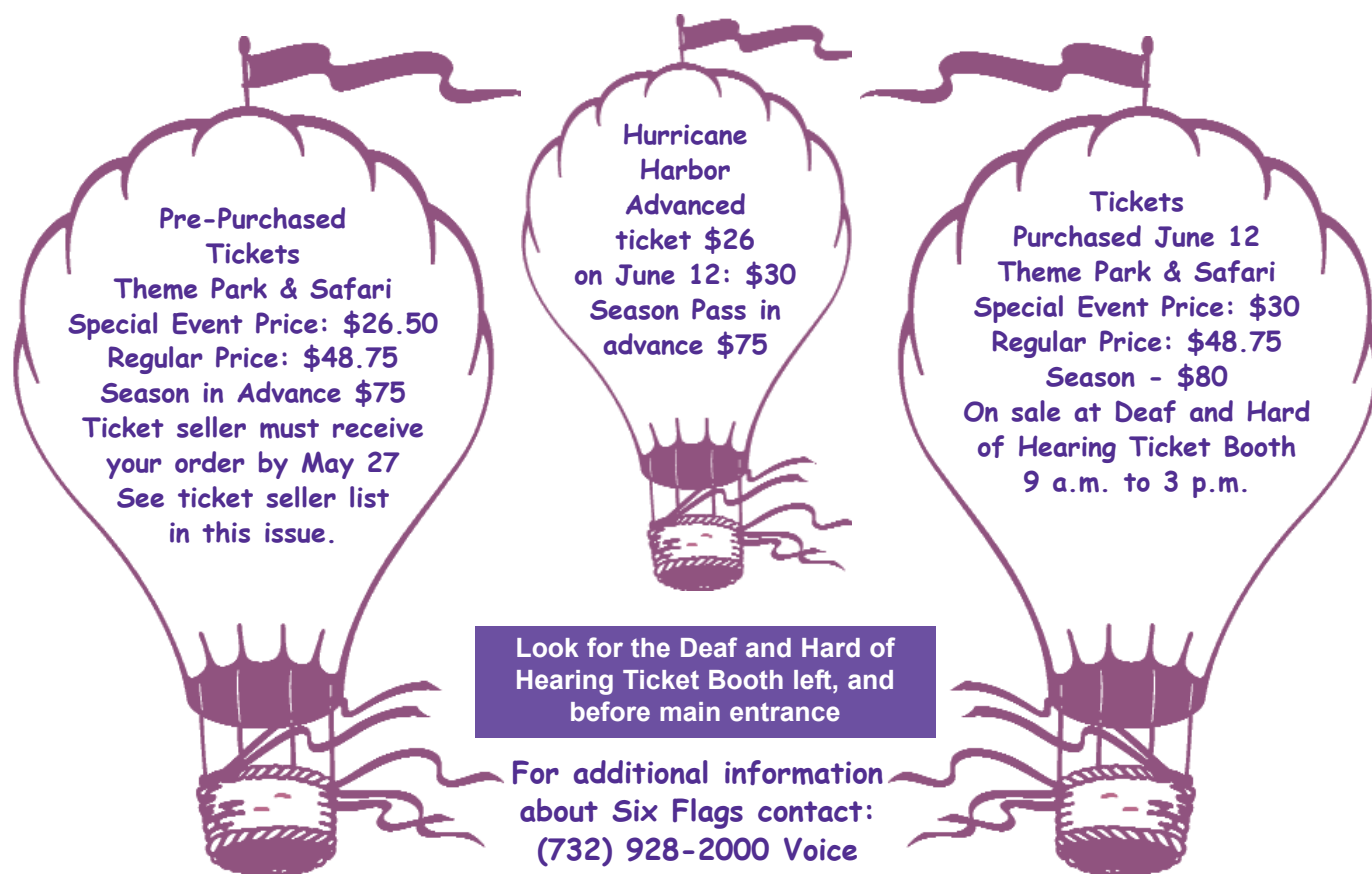
## 20th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing **Awareness Day**

**Saturday, June 12, 2004**

**10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

*Enjoy thrills, chills, special entertainment, friends and fun.  
Interpreters, captioning and assistive listening devices available. Performance  
in the afternoon in the Showcase Theatre by:*

***The Wild Zappers with  
National Deaf Dance Theater  
Miss Deaf New Jersey, Joanne Karayiannidis***



# 20th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

## Association of Late-Deafened Adults-GS

P.O. Box 145  
Freehold, NJ 07728-0145  
Yuppyup@juno.com

## Bruce Street School for the Deaf

333 Clinton Place  
Newark, New Jersey 07112  
MJMansbach@aol.com

## Deaf-Blind League of New Jersey

214 Scalera Street  
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080-3967  
Munn96@aol.com

## Deaf Golf Association, Inc.

400 Glastonbury Lane  
Somerset, New Jersey 08873  
RickRadNJ@aol.com

## Jacob Perlow Hospice Deaf Program

264 Swinnerton Street  
Staten Island, NY 10307-1641  
Sourpeas@aol.com

## Miss Deaf NJ Pageant

406 Prospect Ave. Apt. 4E  
Hackensack, NJ 07601  
Unicgfrnys05@aol.com

## New Jersey Association of the Deaf

3608 Park Avenue  
Edison, New Jersey 08820-2506  
Geocho7383@aol.com

## New Jersey Association of the Deaf-Blind

24K Worlds Fair Drive  
Somerset, New Jersey 08873  
Kgalindez@njadb.org

## New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc.

32 Fairway Avenue  
West Orange, New Jersey 07052-2238  
Tickets@njdaw.org

## New Jersey Rainbow Association of the Deaf

814 Leland Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey 07062-2144  
Plt311@erols.com

## New Jersey Registry Interpreters for the Deaf

83 Hawkins Road  
Tabernacle, New Jersey 08088  
Megellis@bellatlantic.net

## North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf

76 Hoffman Avenue  
Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey 07034  
RERBOWL44@aol.com

## Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

52 Heritage Court  
Towaco, New Jersey 07082  
Tmontemo@att.com

## St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf

2222 Vauxhall Road  
Union, NJ 07083  
Gracelu4u@yahoo.com

## Signs of Sobriety, Inc.

100 Scotch Road  
Ewing, New Jersey 08628  
Communication@signsofsobriety.org

## South Jersey Deaf Golf Association

264 Swinnerton Street  
Staten Island, New York 10307-1641  
Sourpeas@aol.com

## US Deaflympic Teams

17 Drexel Hill Drive  
Kendall Park, New Jersey 08824  
Martin4648@aol.com



Send name, address, phone number, and number of tickets to a seller listed above before May 27, 2004.

See page 9 for prices.

Check or money orders only. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Additional info: GAtickets@aol.com or (732) 613-8272 (Voice during day, TTY evenings)

## Some Facts About Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ

**DDHH** started this successful annual program in New Jersey in 1984.

**DDHH** recommended Six Flags Great Adventure appoint a ticket sales coordinator through the New Jersey Association of the Deaf (NJAD).

**DDHH** recommended NJAD enlist other Deaf and Hard of Hearing organizations to help share in the fund raising and ticket sales. These organizations receive a percentage for each ticket sold.

**DDHH** expanded this program to *Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day*, making sure the accessibility needs of all people with hearing loss are satisfied.

**DDHH** recommended that NJAD and New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc. (NJ DAW) become partners in administering ticket sales to help raise funds for September's Deaf Awareness Week Projects, including the biennial Deaf Fest. This partnership means that NJAD and NJ DAW split the administrative fee that is part of each ticket sold.

## DDHH supports its annual program as follows:

Schedules all performers for the Awareness Day program which is funded by AT&T NJ Relay Services.

Selects, coordinates and pays for all communication access from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Publishes and distributes more than 8,500 special edition Monthly Communicator newsletters to announce and promote this event.

Distributes 90,000 state pay check inserts advertising this event.

# **20th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day**

**Interpreters, Assistive Listening Devices, Realtime Captioning**

## **Stations**

**First Aid/Security  
Awareness Day Ticket Booth  
Main Gate/Theme Park Entrance  
Guest Relations/Main Park  
Guest Relations/Safari Park  
Photo Greeters  
Photo Booth (photo pick-up)  
Stroller Rental**

## **Shows**

**Bugs Bunny Kids Show  
Dolphin Show  
Water Ski Show**

**NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING  
PO BOX 074  
TRENTON, NJ 08625-0074**

**FIRST CLASS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Trenton, NJ  
Permit #21**

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Dated Material Please Rush**